The SPEECH OF WILLIAM PENN To His MAJESTY, Upon His Delivering the Quakers Addreſs.

May it Pleaſe the KING,

IT was the ſaying of our Bleſſed Lord to the Captious *Jews*, in the caſe of Tribute, *Render to Cæſar the things that are Cæſar's, and to God, the things that are God's.* As this diſtinction ought to be obſerved by all Men, in the Conduct of their lives, ſo the KING has given Us an Illuſtrious Example in His own Perſon that excites Us to it; For while HE was a Subject, HE gave *Cæſar* His Tribute; and now HE is a *Cæſar*, gives GOD his Due, (*viz.*) *The Sovereignty over Conſciences.* It were a great ſhame then, for any *Engliſh-Man* (that pretends to *Chriſtanity*,) not to give GOD his Due. By this Grace HE has relieved His Diſtreſſed Subjects from Their Cruel Sufferings, and raiſed to Himſelf a New and Laſting Empire, by adding Their Affections to Their Duty. *And We Pray GOD to continue the* KING *in this Noble Reſolution*; For HE is now upon a Principle, that has good *Nature*, *Chriſtianity*, and the goodneſs of *Civil Society* on its ſide, a Security to Him beyond all the little *Arts of Government.*

I would not that any ſhould think, that We came hither with deſign to fill the *Gazet* with Our Thanks, but as Our *Sufferings* would have moved Stones to Compaſſion; So We ſhould be harder, if We were not moved to Gratitude.

Now, ſince the KING's Mercy and Goodneſs have reached to Us throughout the Kingdom of *England*, and Principality of *Wales*; Our General *Aſſembly* from all thoſe parts, met at *London* about Our Church-affairs, has appointed Us to Wait upon the KING with Our Humble Thanks, and Me to Deliver them; Which I do by this ADDRESS, with all the Affection and Reſpect of a Dutiful Subject.

His MAJESTIES moſt Gracious ANSWER.

Gentlemen,

I *Thank You heartily for Your* Addreſs, *ſome of You know,* (*I am ſure You do Mr.* Pen,) *that it was always My Principle, that* Conſcience *ought not to be Forced. And that all Men ought to have the Liberty of Their* Conſciences: *And what I have Promis'd in My* Declaration, *I will continue to Perform as long as I Live; And I Hope, before I Die, to Settle it ſo, that After Ages ſhall have no Reaſon to alter It.*

FINIS.